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*The Last Day of  
Autumn term for pupils  
will be wednesday  
22 December 2010*

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*Pupils return to school  
after the Christmas Holiday  
on Tuesday 4 January 2011*

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### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

#### Christmas Holiday 2010

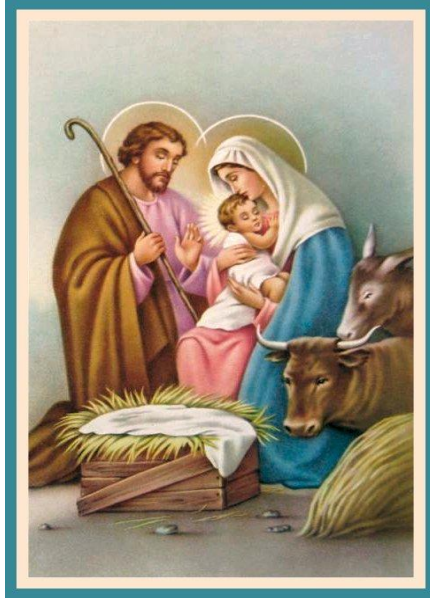
Thursday 23 December -  
Monday 3 January 2011  
(inclusive)

#### Spring Half Term 2011

Monday 21 February -  
Friday 25 February (inclusive)

#### Easter Holiday 2011

Monday 11 April -  
Monday 25 April (inclusive)



# *Trinity School Newsletter December 2010*

### *Dear Parents/Carers*

Firstly may I offer my best wishes to you all at this time of the year. I hope that you have an enjoyable Christmas break and a peaceful new year.

The past couple of weeks have seen the onset of some very poor weather and many schools have found it necessary to close. As you know Trinity School remained open throughout the recent cold and snowy weather. It remains our intention to do our utmost to keep the school open should the poor weather return in the New Year. I give my sincere thanks to the school staff for getting into work and my caretakers who work so hard to keep the pavements clear of snow.

However in the event that poor weather returns, I urge parents to use the following procedure to find out the status of the school. I assure you that Trinity School will only close when all options to keep open are exhausted.

Barking and Dagenham have provided a telephone service which parents can use to check if schools are open during bad weather by following these simple steps.

1. Telephone 0208 408 7508.
2. You will be asked to enter the following DCFS code - 301 7005.

3. A recorded message will tell you if the school is open or closed with the time and date of when the information was last updated.

In addition please check with the school transport department to find out if the school buses are 'on the road'.

Where possible the school will also endeavour to leave a message on our answer phone.

Our advice to you during severe weather conditions is to always check if the school is open before attempting to bring your child to school.

Information can also be found on [www.lbbd.gov.uk](http://www.lbbd.gov.uk) under Education, Schools, Schools Status then scroll down to Trinity.

Have a lovely Christmas break.

*Peter McPartland  
Headteacher*

### *The Lower School*

After a wonderful term admitting over thirty new children to Lower School, many of whom are enjoying facilities in our brand new Early Years classrooms, we are all looking forward to a peaceful Christmas holiday and New Year.



## May Day 2011

Monday 2 May (inclusive)

## Summer Half Term 2011

Monday 30 May -  
Friday 3 June (inclusive)

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*The last day of Summer  
Term for Pupils/Students  
will be on Wednesday  
20 July 2011*

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### Note to parents

*If your child is absent you  
must let the school know  
on the first day giving the  
reason for absence e.g.  
illness, appointments etc.  
You must also inform  
transport.*



We were delighted to see so many of you attending our Christmas Concert on 14 December. With over one hundred children in Lower School now, it is exciting to be able to include so many families. We hope everyone enjoyed the music and the fantastic sight of all the children in their costumes. We know the children loved it and it is great to get the chance to give them all a sense of celebration.

Wishing you all a happy holiday,

*Sue Ball & All the Staff and Children in  
Lower School*

### *The Middle School*

We have had such a good term this autumn in Middle School. We welcomed some new students from Lower School and from outside Trinity. All our new students have settled really well into their new classes and it seems now like they have always been with us.

It has been a very busy term with lots of trips out, especially since several of our staff passed their minibus driving tests! We have rejoined ELHAP, the special needs adventure playground in Woodford Bridge and we now have weekly trips with many classes taking part. The children really enjoy their time there and we look forward to many trips over the rest of the year. Many of our students have represented the school this term in swimming galas and sporting events. They are always brilliant ambassadors for the school when they are out and we are very proud of the way in which they behave and how well they achieve in these events. Some of our Year 5/6 students took part in a Borough wide event to celebrate the Olympic torch coming to Barking on its journey around the country. The students received the torch from Eastbrook School students and then carried it in the pouring rain to St Joseph's School.

We have recently changed our rewards system in Middle School.

As well as receiving prizes for achieving 10 merits, bronze, silver and gold awards we now have a star of the week award for one student from each class. All our students are very keen to achieve this award so that their photo can be displayed on the wall board for all to see each week.

Our students have all been enjoying some French lessons this term. Mrs Bull, our Modern Foreign Languages Teacher has been introducing all the pupils to a 'touch of France' where they have been learning about French food, customs and culture. The students have really enjoyed these sessions. We will continue them next term on a different French theme.

We have had some very special assemblies this term. Favourites included Harvest, Jeans for Genes Day when we raised £80 in Middle School (thanks to all of you!) Eid and Diwali, but I think the most memorable was 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?'

At the time of writing this we are looking forward to our Christmas Celebrations. We have Christmas Dinner and class parties to come, a variety style talent show to look forward to, our Winter Festival Assembly and various end of term class trips. The pantomime Dick Whittington is being brought to us by Rainbow Theatre just before we break up. On behalf of all the staff in Middle School we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all our students back in 2011.

*Lynne Kelly, Abby Town &  
Denny Brackenburg  
Middle Phase Managers*

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## *The Upper School*

This has been a very busy term. The Year 11 students are working hard towards their accreditation in all subjects, with the Year 10 students settling well into Upper School.

Some of the highlights in Key Stage 4 have been:

- Seed to Scent day, when some visitors led an Enterprise Day making some beautiful garden tubs with winter flowers.
- The making of the Trinity calendar during Mini Enterprise with Mr Payne.
- The lovely produce from the garden. For assembly, visits from Transport for London to talk about road safety and the local police, again talking about personal safety.
- Students from Frances Bardsley School in Havering, to lead a project on Healthy Eating with some Year 11 pupils.
- End of term buffet and disco.
- Mr Payne's end of term Variety Show!

The FEC have also been busy this term. The new students have settled well into a different environment. Lots of hard work has gone on in all the subject areas. The end of term highlight has been a trip to the Broadway Theatre to see the pantomime and going out as a group for a special Christmas dinner.

The Upper School wishes you a very Happy Christmas.

*Sandra Burns*  
*Assistant Headteacher*

## *The Living & Learning Centre*

This autumn term has been very significant and a lot of progress has been made.

All the three new students who recently joined the LLC have settled very well into their new curriculum and have shown tremendous improvements in their challenging behaviours.



### School Meal

#### Price Increase

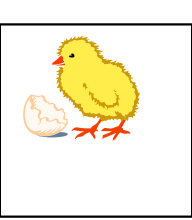
Please note that the price of a school meal will be increased from £1.90 to £2.00 per day from 1 January 2011

They are also accessing more community linked programmes and activities as well as engaging in more meaningful independent living skills. All students have had new targets added to their programmes e.g. we have a student walking home three times a week a prospect we never thought of introducing years ago. We have another student successfully using public transport to go out into the community - again we didn't think this was possible few years ago.

Staff awareness of TEACCH based structures seems to have further improved leading to a lot of constructive and challenging tasks being made. This has been possible due to closer monitoring of the overall structure by management and support of experienced staff. The team's attitude and knowledge of the TEACCH structure seems to be improving tremendously through observations and training sessions. The knowledge of the TEACCH structure is reflected by the progress that our young people have made and are continuing to make.

At the LLC we will continue to evaluate our practices, challenge ourselves and the students so that we can get the best out of them.





We have recently had a new sensory/soft play room installed in the former leisure area, hence giving students the opportunity to have access to a more meaningful and purposeful leisure option as well as sensory integrated structured teaching periods.

With the input from the SALT Team we hope that they will equip us with the necessary skills for intensive interaction with students, structured sensory sessions and relevant therapies.

Our gym garage has been built but not yet ready for students to use. When ready for use students will be able to engage in physical activities on a daily basis as part of their health and fitness programme.

Three of our students left the LLC in August. Samuel was successfully supported by the LLC to transition to an adult placement. Mitchell's mum has a family business plan for him which had not begun as at the time he was completing the LLC. His home carers were however invited to the LLC where they shadowed staff working with Mitchell as part of his transition.

*Rolland Dankwa*  
*Living & Learning Centre*

*Merry*   
*Christmas* 